Well welcome back to the new school year here at Amamoor State School. It is really exciting to see so many new faces around the school and all the students following our 3 school rules – Respect Self, Respect Others and Respect School and Community. Currently we have 61 enrolments (P/1/2 - 21 students) (3/4 - 21 students) (5/6 - 19 students). We also have new staff starting as well. Dan Wood is an intern for term 1 in the 5/6 class, Belinda Greer will be teaching music and Jordan Boyd is the new P.E teacher. I would like to warmly welcome all of the new families and staff to the Amamoor State School Community.

The P&C have once again hosted a fantastic Australia Day celebration, it really was a lot of fun. The P&C have been instrumental in improving our school by air-conditioning the classrooms, funding excursions, developing our grounds and supporting numerous social events. If you think you would like to join the P&C to assist, the first meeting for the year will be held on Tuesday, 16 February at 6:30pm. There is also a Gardening Committee that will meet this Friday, 5 February at 1:30pm (at the Blue & White Teapot Café in Amamoor). Please call Donna on 0447 301 392 for more information.

The Amamoor Playgroup has started once again and the room is looking great!! Debbie Alford, teacher aide, has done a fantastic job setting up the room. We had 12 children and their carers on Tuesday morning, all children from 0-5 are welcome, please contact the school for more information.

Parents please remember when picking up children to avoid parking in anyone's driveway. Already there has been a number of reports of parents pulling up in front of driveways to pick up students. Please use the car parking bays provided to ensure our children's safety when being dropped off/collected from school.

Next Monday afternoon, 7th February, we will be having ‘Meet the Teacher’ sessions. At 4:00pm parents of year 3 and 4 students are welcome to join Mrs Kimber. At 4:30pm parents of year 5 and 6 students can meet with Mr Montgomery and at 5:00pm the Prep, year 1 and 2 parents can meet with Miss Broome. Meetings will be held in the classrooms. All parents are strongly encouraged to attend if possible. If you are unable to make it at that time, the teachers and I are always available before and after school, please see your child’s teacher to make an appointment.

Our daily rapid reading program has commenced already. At the moment 30 students are reading for 15 minutes every day to our teacher aides, chaplain and parent volunteers. After May, another 30 students will participate in the program. The plan is for all students to participate in the program regardless of their reading levels to develop their reading and comprehension skills. If you think you would like to volunteer and be involved with the program please let us know.

Adam Montgomery
Learning, Working, Growing Together to ensure Every Student is Learning Everyday

Thank you to the P&C for another fantastic Australia Day Celebration!
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Amamoor PLAYGROUP 2016

What a great start to the year!

A snapshot of our first day of playgroup. The room was buzzing with so much activity and many, many busy and enthusiastic little hands. What a wonderful turnout of parents, children and support. Thank you!
Welcome back to the best little school in the Mary Valley! I hope everyone had a relaxing and safe holiday although I'm quite sure the term has started at least 3 weeks too soon! Welcome also to our new families joining us here at Amamoor for the first time. It's wonderful to see new faces and I hope that you will quickly feel at home here among the Amamoor School family.

As many of you know I will not be continuing as President of Amamoor P&C this year due to family and study commitments. It's been a great privilege to be involved in this vibrant and motivated group of parents and I would strongly encourage you all to consider becoming more involved this year. If you've never been actively involved in a P&C then this is a great time to come along and get on board with what's happening within the school. I once heard it said that "the people who make the decisions, are the ones who show up." I really like that quote because so many times we hear of people being unhappy with things going on around them when they fail to make the effort to get involved themselves. For those of you who have been involved in the past but have never taken on an executive role, please consider doing so this year. Thanks to government red tape, we can't function as a P&C without office bearers, and I would really encourage you to consider taking on a position. We can all bring something unique to the table and it's the combination of individual talents that make our P&C such a success. You don't have to be a long standing Amamoor family to be involved either. When I took on the role as President 2 years ago I had only been here a month, but the position needed filling and it seemed like a good way to get to know my new community. Either way though, please come along to our AGM in March and show your support for this wonderful band of parents.

First P&C meeting of the year: Please join us for our first P&C Meeting for 2016 to be held in the library at 6:30pm on Tuesday 16th February. All welcome, including children.

Regards,
Donna

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★ With a qualified Teacher Aide
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★ Heaps of learning & fun to be had!!

For any enquiries please feel free to call
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TUCKSHOP.................Mondays
BREAKFAST CLUB..........Tuesday mornings
PLAYGROUP.................Tuesdays 9-11am
SCHOOL PARADES.....Every 2nd Thursday afternoons @ 2:30pm (11th Feb, 27th Feb special Leadership Parade), 10th Mar & 24th Mar (a.m.)

BOOK CLUB ORDERS
DUE IN BY...
FRIDAY, 5th February.
Welcome back to school! How exciting is it to be back learning? I am so happy to be back, and looking forward to meeting the new families who have started this year during the next few weeks. For those who don’t know me, or weren’t sure, I’m Chappy Caitlin and I am here at Amamoor on Tuesday’s and Wednesday’s. During these days you can come and see me during school hours, I’m here for parents and students. I also run programs around the school on these days and generally just help out where I can. If you see me around feel free to come and say hi, I’d love to have a chat with you!

I am happy to announce that as per last year, there will be another handball competition! Practice for this started today and will run until the last week of term where we will be holding the competition. The rules are displayed around the school for ease of access and the children will have chances to practice continually during the term. This is a great opportunity for the school to come together.

Also coming up on the Saturday, 28th May is a chaplaincy fundraiser called ‘Spin-Off’. More information will be coming out about this during the term, but this is a fantastic way to raise funds for Chaplaincy here at Amamoor and to build community.

I hope you have a fantastic week! Looking forward to seeing you, Chappy Caitlin

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